

Sunday night 12/5/71
10:30 p.m.

Dear Vicki and Jim,

Mary and Mike just left and they beat us in bridge so we had to put 65 cents in the jar. We play for a twentieth and the losers put the money in the bridge jar. There is about twenty dollars in there now and when we get forty dollars in we are all going out to dinner.

Mary is going to have the dinner on Christmas Day with Uncle John and sisters and brother-in-law and us. Gail and Gregg will be included also. Gail misses the old times but it can never be like that again.

Uncle Steele is having a family party the 17th and Gail will like that.

On Christmas Eve Mary and Mike are coming over here and Gail and Gregg can come also if they want to. Also any one else who wants to. Jeannie and Art are going to Detroit and Cally and Lillian are going to Mexico.

Mary is having a luncheon Friday with all the cousins and aunts. They all think she is going to announce that she is expecting a baby so Mary wants me to stand up and say that I have an announcement to make and then announce that Mary is not pregnant. I know when I stand up and say I have an announcement to make, the girls will all start screaming before I have a chance to finish.

Now this check is your Christmas present so please don't be mad at me. I had planned to send you sweaters from the pro shop but dad said I should let you get whatever you wanted. Also you are not to send even one check in Dec. Keep it and mark it off. Remember - I get to do things for Mary and Mike so let me do a little something for you.

You will soon have your second wedding anniversary and to celebrate

it in Russia is really a big thing.

Dad has to go to Honolulu this week but he won't be gone long. I am having a bridge party Thursday so I wouldn't be able to go anyway.

Dad and I went to a Lucia program Friday night. It is a Swedish ritual and was just great. Sat. night we went to the opera house to see a Cavalcade on Sweden. That was real good too but there was also a bridge tournament on that I hadn't marked down on the calendar and I would have liked to have played in it. Mary and Nuka played in the side event and came in fourth which really was good.

I'm sure you are pretty excited about your trip because I am.

I'm sending you an Anthopedia calendar.

More later.

Love,
Mom.